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SUBJECT: U.S. POSITION INSTRUCTIONS FOR FIRST SESSION,

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FISHERY DEVELOPMENT OF CECAF,

DAKAR, SENEGAL, MARCH 25-29, 1974

1. POSITION ON AGENDA ITEMS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

ITEM 2--ACCEPTABLE.

ITEM 3--NO POSITION SINCE THIS IS REVIEW ONLY. REQUEST

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ITEM 4--PROBLEM: SINCE EARLY 1973 UNDP STAFF HAS BEEN

PREPARING INTER-REGIONAL FISHERY DEVELOPMENT DOCUMENT FOR WEST AFRICA. SINCE DOCUMENT NOT AVAILABLE PRIOR O REGIONAL MEETING OF CECAF, IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO MAKE SPECIFIC COMMENTS OR RECOMMENDATIONS. HOWEVER, FROM LIMITED AVAILABLE INFORMATION ON DRAFT DOCUMENT, IT APPEARS THAT PROJECT WILL BE SIMILAR TO OTHER FISHERY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, BUT WITH UNDP ATTEMPTING TO EXERCISE GREATER CONTROL AND REVIEWING IT MORE CLOSELY THAN HAS BEEN PRACTICE IN PAST.

U.S. POSITION:

1. THE UNITED STATES GENERALLY SUPPORTS PRINCIPLES CONCERNING REGIONAL FISHERY PROJECTS ESPoused BY UNDP AND, IN PARTICULAR, THOSE PROJECTS DESIGNED TO INCREASE FISHERY PRODUCTION IN PROTEIN SHORT AREAS OF WORLD. PROPOSED UNDP PROJECT SHOULD SERVE, IN LONG RUN, TO INCREASE FISHERY PRODUCTION AND PROTEIN CONSUMPTION IN WEST AFRICA. ON THIS BASIS, UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT PARAGRAPH 2, MAY EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR PROJECT. REP SHOULD INDICATE, HOWEVER, THAT U.S. IS NOT PREPARED, AT THIS TIME, TO MAKE ANY DIRECT FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS TO PROJECT. UNITED STATES WOULD, OF COURSE, TAKE UNDER CONSIDERATION ANY SPECIFIC REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE THAT MAY BE MADE IN FUTURE.

2. IF WEST AFRICAN NATIONS FIND THEY CANNOT ACCEPT UNDP PROPOSAL AS PRESENTED, AND IF THOSE NATIONS AND UNDP REPS CANNOT AGREE TO COMPROMISE, U.S. REP SHOULD AVOID TAKING POSITION ON EITHER SIDE OF ISSUE. IN EVENT OF SUCH DEADLOCK REP SHOULD REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS FROM DEPARTMENT.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:

PROPOSED PROJECT IS IN AGREEMENT WITH BASIC PRACTICES OF UNDP TO SUPPORT REGIONAL DEVELOPMENTAL PROJECTS. U.S. HAS SUPPORTED PRINCIPLE OF REGIONAL FISHERY BODIES AND REGIONAL UNDP PROJECTS. THEREFORE, PROPOSAL AGREES WITH OVER-ALL ESPoused UNITED STATES POLICIES.

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THIS SPECIFIC PROJECT HAS BEEN UNDER UNDP CONSIDERATION FOR CONSIDERABLE PERIOD OF TIME BUT DOCUMENTATION HAS BEEN DELAYED BECAUSE OF DESIRE BY UNDP TO EXERCISE CLOSER CONTROL. AFTER ORIGINAL RECEIPT OF DOCUMENTS, UNDP, NEW YORK, DECIDED TO REWRITE PROPOSAL TO INSURE TIGHTER UNDP CONTROL, A POINT THAT MAY CAUSE SOME DIFFICULTIES WITH WEST AFRICAN COUNTRIES.

WE UNDERSTAND THAT MR. DIOP OF SENEGAL WILL BE SELECTED AS PROJECT LEADER, BUT NO AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED ON LOCATION OF HEADQUARTERS FOR PROJECT. ORIGINALLY REPRESENTATIVES OF UNDP HAD HOPED TO ESTABLISH HEADQUARTERS IN SENEGAL, BUT WITH ANTICIPATED ANNOUNCEMENT OF MR. DIOP AS PROJECT LEADER IT DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE POLITIC TO DESIGNATE SENEGAL AS LOCATION FOR HEADQUARTERS.

ITEM 5--PROBLEM: LARGE NUMBER DEVELOPING NATIONS HAVE REQUESTED ASSISTANCE IN FORMULATING JOINT VENTURE ARRANGEMENTS FROM FAO. DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY JAPAN,

PRESENTING DRAFT JOINT VENTURE AGREEMENTS TO MANY NATIONS BEFORE LOS CONFERENCE CONCLUSION AS MEANS OF ASSURING CONTINUED ACCESS TO FISHERIES. PRESENT MEANS OF FAO ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES LARGELY THROUGH UNDP MECHANISMS. FAO PROPOSING FORMULATE SAMPLE DRAFT JOINT VENTURE AS ADDITIONAL AND MORE RAPID AID TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

U.S. POSITION:

U.S. FEELSTHAT DEVELOPMENT OF SAMPLE JOINT VENTURE FORMULA BY FAO IS DESIRABLE, IF IT MEETS NEEDS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. U.S. DEL SHOULD EXAMINE FAO DRAFT JOINT VENTURE TO DETERMINE USEFULNESS OR TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES. U.S. DEL MAY COMMENT AS APPROPRIATE ON DRAFT FORM FOR JOINT VENTURES. KISSINGER

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